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Proposed Claim Amendments
For Discussion with Examiner
Application Serial No. 10/806,948

1. (Previously presented) A cryptographic device comprising:

a cryptographic module and an interchangeable communications module removably coupled thereto;

said cryptographic module comprising a user network interface, a host network processor coupled to said user network interface, and a cryptographic processor coupled to said host network processor;

said communications module comprising a network communications interface coupled to said cryptographic processor;

said host network processor generating cryptographic processor command packets for said cryptographic processor each comprising an address portion and a data portion, and encapsulating command packets for said communications module in the data portions of said cryptographic processor command packets;

said cryptographic processor passing the communications module command packets to said communications module without performing cryptographic processing thereon.

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said cryptographic processor passing the communications module command packets to said communications module without performing cryptographic processing thereon;

said user network interface comprising a plurality of different connectors for coupling the cryptographic module to different network devices.